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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Information Technology

Per DDA tasking in the 3 April 86 DDA Staff meeting. Attached is a copy of the memos referred to on Personal Computer Security. OS was asked to get together with OIT to talk about Personal Computer Security. OS has action for response to questions addressed in ExDir's note with a suspense date of 8 April 86.

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Date 4/3/86

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Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

31 March 1986

Executive Director

NOTE FOR: DDA

Dick:

We talked a few days ago about this problem, and this memo from [redacted] appears to address major portions of my concerns. But I think we still have several issues to sort out.

When you have a chance to wring all of this out, I'd appreciate a briefing on what you plan to do. It strikes me that we can't allow widespread introduction of personal computers connected to our mainframes without confidence that we understand the security implications of that and have a program in motion which will solve our problem within an acceptable timeframe.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

FROM:

Director of Security

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SUBJECT: Personal Computer Security

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1. The first meeting of the Technical Security Policy Advisory Board was held on 14 February 1986. The meeting was chaired by the Director of Security. Members present were the Director of Information Technology; Deputy Director of Communications; Chief, Information Management Staff, DO; and the Deputy Chief, Counterintelligence Staff, DO.

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2. One of the agenda items concerned the proliferation of personal computers (PC) within the Agency. An outline of a planned approach to implement effective computer security measures to combat this area of concern was presented. The Board agreed that the Agency should adopt a phased approach to this problem; the phases are:


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3. This memorandum reaffirms the Agency's position on the use of PC's, and outlines the security approach that the Board has approved to enhance security of the PC's in our operational environment. There are no FY 1986 funds being requested for this effort. Implementation of Phase 1 could, in fact, be overcome by the progress being made in Phase 2. Results of the preliminary evaluation of the ACM are encouraging, and it is possible that the implementation of Phase 2 could occur within the next several months. 

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4. The Board believes this is a reasonable, cost effective approach in addressing our security concerns regarding the proliferation of PC's. This office will keep you advised on the progress of this program. 

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Attachment  
Background Info on Phases

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